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SUBJ: PROPOSED ROMANIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES MEETING
WITH NASA

REF: STATE 53685

1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF ON MAY 10, PROF. SPATARU,
PRESIDENT OF ROMANIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES
(RCSA) REQUESTED EMBASSY PASS INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW
TO NASA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
FRUTKIN. RCSA VICE PRESIDENT ANDREESCU AND SECRETARY
GENERAL MANDESCU ALSO PRESENT.

2. REPORTEDLY GOR HAS NOW AUTHORIZED (AND FUNDED) ESTABLISHE-
MENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ASTRONAUTS. FOUR MAN STAFF
HEADED BY GEN. DUMITRU ANDREESCU (CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT
OF RCSA) AND INCLUDES COL. (DR.) ION MAURICA STOIAN (MEDICAL
SPECIALIST), COL. TRAIAN HORIA OPUTA (AVIATOR) AND COL.
CIRSTEA ION PETROAICA (ENGINEER).

3. ANDREESCU AND STAFF CURRENTLY ORGANIZING THIS TRAINING
PROGRAM AND ALL FOUR PREPARED TRAVEL TO US AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE FOR UP TO TEN DAY VISIT. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
OF VISIT IS TO HAVE DISCUSSION WITH NASA PERSONNEL ON
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HOW ROMANIAN ASTRONAUT PROGRAM SHOULD BE ORGANIZED.
IN ADDITION GROUP WANTS VISIT SOME NASA TRAINING
SITES.

4. CURRENT RCSA HOPE ACCORDINT TO APATARU IS THAT
AFTER INITIAL PHASE OF ASTRONAUT TRAINING PROGRAM
COMPLETED IN ROMANIA, FINAL TRAINING PHASE FOR PARTICI-

PANTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN US. ROMANIAN ASTRONAUTS
WOULD BE PREPARING FOR SPACE FLIGHTS TO TAKE PLACE
AFTER 1980.

5. DESPITE SPATARU'S AND MANDESCU'S PROTESTATIONS TO
CONTRARY, PROPOSED VISIT APPEARS DIRECTLY RELATED TO
MANDESCU'S FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA ON ROMANIAN
DESIRE FLY ASTRONAUT IN SPACELAB/SHUTTLE. ON THIS POINT,
SPATARU EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING
ASTRONAUT TRAINING AND SPACELAB/SHUTTLE WITH NASA HAD BEEN
IN GENERAL TERMS, NOW THAT ROMANIAN ASTRONAUT TRAINING
PROGRAM APPROVED, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD
WITH NASA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF NASA AGREEABLE
TO RECEIVE ANDREESCU AND OTHERS AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE
TIMING FOR THEIR VISIT.
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